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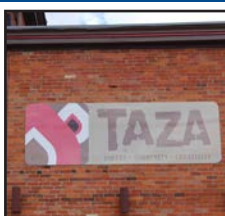
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H1N1 flu outbreak

Xavier responds



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Around 25 students are staying at the recovery center, located in the basement of the Alumni Center.

Administration sets up recovery center as at least 110 students report probable symptoms; week's activities canceled

H1N1 at other universities

Miami University

Confirmed cases: 43
Plans and actions: Students should self-isolate (no isolation center), reviewing cancellation plans

University of Cincinnati

Confirmed cases: Two
Plans and actions: Students with flu-like symptoms should go home, no planned cancellations

Northern Kentucky U.

Confirmed cases: One
Plans and actions: No isolation units, reviewing plans for cancellations and alternative forms of holding class

University of Dayton

Confirmed cases: Zero
Plans and actions: Making preparations for cancellations and isolation

Represents latest data available

BY MEGHAN BERNEKING
AND ANDREW CHESTNUT

As of Tuesday, 110 probable cases of H1N1 flu virus have swept over campus, prompting university officials to take swift action to prevent further spread of the disease. All the reported cases at Xavier have been mild to moderate.

Xavier's Action

"It escalated from just a few cases Monday and Tuesday [of last week] to sixty people reporting symptoms by the end of Friday," said Daniel Schloemer, director of Administrative Services for Emergency Management.

The university reacted with precautionary measures and the establishment of a student recovery facility in the Alumni Center basement. As of press time, 25 students are staying in the facility, with 12 set to leave within a day.

The goal of the recovery area is to provide a comfortable location for self-isolation away from the sick patients' roommates, allowing roommates to remain in the dorm.

The Alumni Center basement contains separate recovery rooms and showers for men and women.

"Overall, the staff and conditions are very nice. The rooms were cold at first but then they raised the heat, and we had all the facilities we needed [such as] showers, toilets and food," said one student who recovered in the Alumni Center.

"When it really comes down to it, the isolation center could be much worse than it really is. There is a main eating room where I prefer to spend the majority of my time because it is brightly lit and less dreary than any of the other rooms in the building. We also have to wear facemasks whenever we are around anyone who is not infected," another student said.

Though it has not been officially inspected by the Cincinnati Health Department, representatives from the department have visited it several times and are working with university officials to help staff it.

Concerns about understaffing at the McGrath Health and Wellness Center were alleviated Tuesday with the addition of two temporary registered nurses. A dramatic increase in patient volume Thursday and Friday instigated additional weekend hours at McGrath. The number of patients has since leveled off, said Schloemer.

The McGrath staff is working with Tri-Health (a Cincinnati health care organization that offers both hospital and non-hospital services) to provide medical staffing in the Alumni Center student recovery area. The staff is a combination of emergency medical technicians and registered nurses.

"The only two options for students displaying symptoms are to go home or to the recovery center. This applies to any on-

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Additional faculty hired for '13 class

BY KATHRYN ROSENBAUM
Editor-in-Chief

As a result of the unprecedented increase in freshmen, departments spent the summer hiring faculty to handle the additional core and introductory classes necessary to accommodate the new freshman class.

Xavier hired 22 professors to teach these classes. A majority of these professors are adjuncts and full-time temporary faculty members because of the short time frame.

Tenure-track professors are hired during an academic year for the following year.

Xavier couldn't hire faculty last spring because of a hiring freeze that will leave many positions empty until the 2010-11 school.

"The administration was helpful and did everything they could do to make the quick transition as smooth as possible," said Dr. Allison Russell, chair of the English department.

Many of the adjuncts are teaching introductory courses, including English Composition.

Because composition is a writing-intensive class and the number of students must be held steady at 20 to meet national standards, there are 35 composition sections—13 more than the previous year.

"The professors are qualified to teach these courses," Russell said.

Although the English department saw a larger increase in sections than most departments, the larger number of freshmen affected almost every department.

The philosophy department added seven sections of Ethics as an Intro to Philosophy classes.

The number of students has decreased slightly in these classes, said Dr. Richard Polt, chair of the philosophy department.

There is a 38 percent increase in biology and natural science majors—an interdisciplinary major between biology and chemistry.

As a result, there is an increase in the number of sections of some classes and more students in other classes. The number of students

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Professor premieres totem sculptures



Newsire photo by Catherine Stahl

Marsha Karagheusian's totem exhibit "A Conversation."

BY CATHERINE STAHL
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Xavier University professor Marsha Karagheusian debuted her art exhibit on Friday, Aug. 28 at the Thomas J. Funke Gallery located on 3130 Wasson Road in Hyde Park.

Karagheusian's exhibit "A Conversation" consists of 26 ceramic totems that represent human figures.

"I perceive the figure in almost everything. I see the essence of a

figure, a human form, or being, in many abstract ways. I don't imagine every part of the anatomy, but I may perceive a simple gesture, an emotion, a movement or a human expression. 'A Conversation' represents 26 beings that are intimately connected, 26 souls interacting in a deeply personal way," Karagheusian said.

The totems, made of highly textured clay on steel rods and

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Fine-tuning necessary at library, GSC

BY AMY WINDHORST
AND KATIE BISSELL

If you thought dorms were the only areas of campus feeling the weight of the freshman class, think again. Popular student gathering spaces and study spots, as well as campus security and parking, are all feeling the pressure of Xavier's 300 person underestimate.

Facilities across campus are keeping options open and fingers crossed as they attempt to serve the school's increased population.

Adapting Campus Life

The library is currently responding to two major challenges: increased requests for library and information technology services and an increase in students looking for places to study besides their dorm rooms.

During the first week of school, the library will be monitoring student use of the facility.

While nothing is set in stone, Bob Cotter, vice president of Information Resources, suggested students can anticipate a larger staff, increased numbers of desktop computers and even longer hours.

The library has currently increased its laptop availability by ten. If computers are still saturat-



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"[This year], we don't want to limit our flexibility. We want to be more responsive," said Bob Cotter, vice president of Information Resources, explaining some of the new changes in store for the library.

ed, expect to see desktop computers added to the third floor.

Though the third floor is currently a designated "quiet zone," Cotter feels that additional workspace will be the more necessary commodity this coming year.

If demand rises as predicted, the library may increase regular hours to mirror the hours usually reserved for exam week. This would mean that from Monday-Thursday, the library would be open two hours later until 3 a.m. Changes to hours and computer

availability should be in place by Labor Day (Sept. 7).

As a hub of campus life, Gallagher Student Center is also making changes to accommodate both incoming freshman and upperclassmen who use the facility.

Forty new laptop computers have been added to the welcome desk for students to check out, said Joe Christman, director of GSC.

He said the staff would be monitoring laptop use, and GSC would respond to student needs

as they arise.

Seating in GSC will be increased in the lower level of the atrium near the food court—however, it is still expected that the area will be crowded during meal hours.

"Given that Gallagher is truly supposed to be the center of campus for students, I am actually quite excited about the additional students that we are going to see in Gallagher," said Christman.

"There is no doubt that we are going to see some increased usage of the facility and its resources, and that means that we will just have to be that much more prepared," he said.

Securing Xavier

One might anticipate a greater need for police presence on campus due to the increased numbers

of students.

The rise in the number of freshmen, however, is not significant enough to affect the numbers of officers or the established security routine, said Officer Ken Grossman of Xavier's crime prevention force.

"In the big picture, it's a small increase for our department. And we're not overly concerned that this is going to swamp us," said Grossman.

However, Campus Police do anticipate that the increase in citations or criminal behavior will be statistically equal to the increase in the student population.

There is also a possibility of an increase in vandalism and theft due to the dorms being at full capacity.

Because of the residence halls' full capacity, the department will give extra attention to fire safety and fire response, Grossman said.

Concerns have also surfaced about the parking situation on campus.

Currently, parking procedures will not change. Campus Police does not expect permit requests to exceed spaces.

"That said, it will be a tight fit," said Grossman.

"There are contingencies in place [if resident parking permit requests do exceed parking spaces], but until we see that need we won't be making changes."

Xavier responds to H1N1 flu

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campus or university-owned apartment residents, not off-campus students," said Dr. Luther Smith, senior student affairs advocate.

"Some students are likely self-isolating, but should not because it spreads the disease.

"These are the only two options, because even if one has his or her own bedroom he or she still shares a bathroom, and [the virus] spreads fast that way," said Smith.

The largest group of infected students has been freshmen, said Schloemer.

"This was helped by the social contact during Manresa," he said.

Schloemer; Dr. James Konerman, the university's medical director; Mary Rosenfeldt, director of Health Services at McGrath; Roger Fortin, academic vice president and provost, and Maribeth Amyot, vice president for Financial Administration continue to be in contact throughout the day monitoring the situation.

The deans have a record of students reporting illness.

Faculty are being informed not to hold these students accountable for missed class and to allow them adequate time to make up work.

Student Life

"The Cincinnati Health Department has advised that the best thing is to cancel as many non-essential events as possible," said Schloemer.

Other areas of social interaction (such as Gallagher Student Center or the library) still pose a risk because people spread the virus before they know they are sick, said Dr. Stephen Englander,

director of the Center for Public Health Preparedness at the Cincinnati Health Department.

"We can't stop the virus, but we can certainly slow it down," he said.

In light of this, Smith is highly encouraging student groups larger than 10 people not to meet.

Some groups, such as prayer groups, have asked for permission to meet, which Smith is neither authorizing nor forbidding, acknowledging no method of enforcing such a policy.

Limiting social events follows the principles of containing disease, since flu spreads mainly through person to person contact.

The proximity between people at campus events such as the first Friday shuttle or club sports is closer than it would be in a classroom, said Smith.

These limitations are in effect until Labor Day (Sept. 7).

At that time, a board of university administrators will meet and decide whether or not to extend the judgment.

A soccer game slated for Tuesday evening was canceled.

As of Tuesday, the athletic department had not canceled other events, but is not promoting them either.

Currently the Cincinnati Health Department does not recommend that Xavier cancels classes, and there are no plans to do so.

The decision to cancel classes would be a judgment call made by Konerman.

Konerman has been in frequent contact with university administration to see if this is necessary, said Schloemer.

Flu facts

Based on an indication from the Cincinnati Health Department, ill people with a fever are considered to have the H1N1 virus since seasonal flu is not active yet, Schloemer said

On a national level since May or June, about 99 percent of lab testing has shown influenza-type cases to be the H1N1 strain.

Since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is no longer collecting numbers of infected people and the State of Ohio is only keeping record of those hospitalized, lab testing on every patient reporting flu-like illness is no longer necessary, said Englander.

"[Not testing] makes sense because we know the virus is circulating widely, and in the case of Xavier, with seven cases confirmed by lab testing, it is enough to tell us that it is Influenza A (H1N1 2009)," he said.

Concerns associated with placing already ill students in a recovery unit together are minimal (assuming none have chronic existing conditions that could compromise the immune system, such as HIV), said Englander.

These students would have already stimulated immune systems, so "they shouldn't be putting each other at risk," he said.

A vaccine for the virus is anticipated for mid-October, said Englander.

At that time, the health department will look to provide the campus with a stock when it becomes available.

Eligibility for the vaccine will not be altered by previous illness, since immunity towards the specific strain cannot be determined.

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Additional faculty for ‘13

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in general biology and anatomy and physiology labs increased from about 20 students to 22-24 students, said Chair of the biology department Dr. Dorothy Engle.

Furthermore, the School of Nursing has seen a rise of 44 percent in nursing majors. It received federal grant money from Health Resources and Services Administration. Thus the School of Nursing was able to hire three full-time professors. Class sizes will remain the same at around 20 students.

Dr. Susan Schmidt, director of Nursing, does not anticipate problems with the larger class.

“We have put sufficient support in place to provide them with an outstanding teaching-learning environment. Some of the support includes two nursing faculty members who will offer guided study and tutoring,” Schmidt said.

“We will be expanding our simulation lab to include a birthing room, and we have increased clinical partners in the community,” she said.

Because freshmen are not yet in upper-level classes, there has not been an impact on these courses. However, department chairs, including Engle, Polt, Russell and Schmidt, are beginning to make adjustments and plans for the future.

Much uncertainty remains regarding the retention rate of this class, and whether larger classes

were an anomaly or if numbers are going to stay around 1200 students. As of Sept. 1, Xavier does not have an enrollment goal for 2010-11.

Faculty chairs also stressed the importance of hiring tenure-track professors. Besides teaching, tenured professors serve on committees and advise students academically or during senior projects. “This work is not done by adjunct professors, temporary faculty or lab instructors,” she said.

“Whether or not these challenges become problems in the next few years depends on whether or not we are able to hire more faculty,” said Engle.

Some departments, specifically in the Williams College of Business, can’t keep hiring adjuncts. In order to remain an accredited business school, there is a limit on the number of adjuncts teaching classes, said Dr. Chris Manolis, chair of the marketing department.

Currently, most departments are filling the positions that were empty before the hiring freeze. They are not creating new principal faculty positions yet.

The English department is hiring three new professors and the marketing department is interviewing for one open position—all previously established positions that were unfilled last year.

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POLICE NOTES

August 24, 10:46 a.m. – A student reported that he or she left his or her wallet in the lobby of Flynn Hall after purchasing a parking permit from Campus Police. When the student returned, his or her wallet was found in the bushes just outside the front door of the building with \$100 missing.

August 25, 6:57 p.m. – A student reported that an unknown suspect was fraudulently using his or her credit card to make purchases off campus. Cincinnati Police was notified.

August 27, 1:42 a.m. – A student observed urinating on the exterior of Brockman Hall was cited for disorderly conduct.

August 27, 7:20 p.m. – Campus Police received a disturbance report from a neighbor in reference to a student residence on the 900 block of Dana Avenue. The Dean of Students was notified.

August 27, 10:38 p.m. – Campus Police and Cincinnati Police responded to a report of a possible robbery in progress

on Brewster Avenue at a student residence. A short foot pursuit ensued with two suspects apprehended and questioned.

August 28, 5:54 a.m. – A student found sleeping in the athletic computer lab on the first floor of Kuhlman Hall was cited for trespassing.

August 28, 4:10 p.m. – Two non-students acting suspiciously in the bookstore were issued trespass warnings and sent on their way. Both subjects have extensive criminal records.

August 28, 10:03 p.m. – Campus Police, Cincinnati Fire and Rescue, Residence Life and Physical Plant responded to a fire alarm in Brockman Hall. Investigating revealed that popcorn burning on the second floor activated the alarm.

August 29, 2:00 a.m. – A non-student carrying a cooler filled with alcohol across the greenspace was cited for underage possession.

August 29, 3:01 a.m. – A student leaving Brockman Hall in an intoxicated state was stopped at Kuhlman Hall and cited for underage consumption.

August 29, 3:09 p.m. – A student and non-student fighting during an intramural basketball game at O’Connor Sports Center were separated and sent on their

ways.

August 29, 10:40 p.m. – Five students observed urinating in the parking lot of McGrath Health and Wellness Center and/or running from officers with alcohol in their possession were cited for underage consumption.

August 30, 12:11 a.m. – A student observed tampering with a construction sign on Woodburn Avenue was cited for underage consumption.

August 30, 12:57 a.m. – Two students smoking marijuana behind the power plant in the C-1 lot were cited for possession of drugs.

August 30, 5:06 p.m. – A student reported that he or she was assaulted by another student earlier in the day in Buenger Hall. Residence Life and the Advocate program were notified.

NOTE OF THE WEEK

August 24, 8:47 p.m. – Campus Police investigated a report of a student walking on the mall with a football down his or her shorts. The student was cautioned and the matter was forwarded to Residence Life to follow up.

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Due to the H1N1 virus, all SAC events have been cancelled through September 6th. We apologize and look forward to seeing you at our events after the Labor Day weekend! Stay Healthy!



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EDITORIAL |H1N1

Steps to control flu outbreak
are (mostly) reasonable

The H1N1 flu outbreak at Xavier has been a difficult and alarming way to start the school year, calling for a careful and rational response from students, faculty and administrators.

So far, those in charge of dealing with this illness have set forth a plan of action that prioritizes containing the spread of H1N1 and caring for those who are likely infected. We believe many of the measures taken at this point are appropriate and proactive steps that promote these two priorities.

For instance, the university quickly set up a recovery space in the basement of the Alumni Center to isolate those who are likely affected in a location where their progress can be safely monitored and to protect those who are not infected. Also, the sanitizer stations around campus and the delivery program put in place to get food to those in the recovery center show thoughtful sensibility.

Additionally, the effort that has gone into keeping the McGrath Health and Wellness Center staffed and operating 24 hours a day should not go unappreciated. Faculty members who are volunteering extra time, regular McGrath personnel who are working 16 hour-per-day shifts, and workers from Tri County Health have all ensured that all students showing flu-like symptoms are treated quickly and properly.

Finally, deans and professors have been greatly cooperative in dealing with the impact this illness will have on academics by not pressuring infected students to keep up with coursework during their period of contagion—a position that is surely greatly appreciated by the many ill freshmen who want to get off to a good start.

However, we suspect some directives set by the university concerning student activities are a little too extreme.

Specifically, student clubs around campus have been advised to suspend all meetings until at least Sept. 7 in order to limit personal contact and hopefully curb the disease’s proliferation. Some directives have cited not to meet with more than 10 people, while others have cited no more than three to four.

Other student activities—including last night’s men’s soccer game, the first Friday Newport Shuttle and the buses to Labor Day fireworks—were canceled altogether.

While we understand that these decisions were made in the best interests of students, and in accordance with advice from the Cincinnati Health Department, we have reservations about the consistency of these judgments. It seems unavoidable that simply by attending class, walking through Gallagher, eating at the caf or using a public restroom on campus, we are destined so come into close contact with hundreds of fellow students everyday.

What, then, is the relative danger of holding a club meeting, a club sport practice or attending the soccer game? While the flu outbreak is a frightening reality, life still must go on (after all, classes are still going on).

While canceling the shuttles (where dozens of students squeeze into small buses, sitting on each other’s laps for long periods of time) was quite necessary, we hope that the directive to cancel club activities will be lifted when it is reevaluated Monday.

Finally, we hope that students and others will continue to exercise caution and concern towards others as we deal with this unfortunate circumstance.

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LETTERS

Feel the anger

By KATHERINE MONASTERIO
Op-Ed Editor

Okay Xavier, I simply refuse to believe that you’re as apathetic as you’re suggesting.

Since our return to campus last week, we’ve had approximately one bajillion things to be angry about. To name a few, there are H1N1 scares, crowded dorms and the “too many users” message every time I try to log onto the portal. Not to mention canceled campus activities.

Granted, there are things to be pleased about, too, like the redesigned caf and more food options. And of course, Demitri Martin will be here on Sept. 13.

Point is, there are tons of things going on that should be causing thousands of opinions to flit across campus.

This is why, going on three issues now, I have opened my *Newswire* inbox only to be filled with staggering disappointment and salty tears of woe.

Nobody has written me any letters.

Where *are* the letters to the editor? Why has no one written when there’s plenty of fuel? Where else am I going to find well-articulated opinions of my fellow students? Why is everyone forcing me into creating terrible house ads that don’t even work?

If not the rest of campus, surely *the Newswire* has pissed

someone off by now. Usually it happens before the first issue is even in print. I can hardly believe it will take even more time for your fury to build.

You could even write something about how you’re disgusted by this editor’s attempts to force campus into writing something.

I do know that opinions can’t be forced. But geez, if I had a dollar for every time I overheard someone say wistfully, “Huh, I should write a letter to *the Newswire* about that,” and then subsequently did nothing, I wouldn’t need an education to have financial security.

So, write me something. Tell me your opinion. If it follows the guidelines (see our website), I’ll print it.

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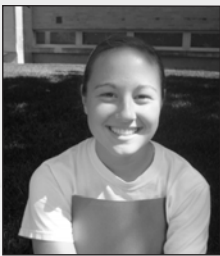
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What are you doing to prevent getting novel H1N1?



Emily Freytag
Class of '13

"I have hand sanitizer on me at all times."



Eric Questel
Class of '10

"I'm watching out for my friend Rachel. If she gets it, I get it. And it's not even like that."



Mici Eubanks
Class of '13

"I already had it."



Kaitlin Culley
Class of '10

"I won't eat ham until Labor Day is over."



Ricky Morrison
Class of '13

"My immune system is stronger than the forces of influenza."



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Molly McAdow
Class of '12

"I'm not touching doorknobs directly and covering my mouth even more excessively than usual."

Big Easy rebuilds hope

BY DARREN LACOUR
Editorial Columnist

Four years ago, the costliest natural disaster to ever hit the United States devastated the city of New Orleans. Hurricane Katrina left its mark on the once vibrant metropolis, causing over \$90 billion in damage.

Since Katrina's landfall on Aug. 29, 2005, New Orleans has undergone a long and difficult road to recovery. Only within the past two years have government and volunteer efforts been able to erase some of the ugly destruction the hurricane left in its aftermath.

Unfortunately, there are people who remain critical of rebuilding efforts, especially since rebuilding uses taxpayer dollars.

Such concerns are somewhat understandable, since 49 percent of the city is below sea level with the average elevation resting between one and two feet below, according to a recent study by Tulane University and Xavier University of Louisiana.

With only levees holding back the water surrounding the city and given the levees' failure during Katrina, many wonder if rebuilding New Orleans is only prolonging the inevitable.

Clearly, the people who hold such opinions have no idea what it means to live in a community.

Both of my parents grew up near New Orleans, and I myself lived in the West Bank town of Marrero until I was six. Even though we moved away, I've been back at least once every year because my grandparents and other relatives still live down there.

Obviously, I have a bit of a

personal slant to my perspective. But my greatest insight to what really makes the city so unique came from a good friend of mine this summer, when we made the trip to New Orleans both to visit my family and volunteer.

Aside from the business district downtown, she was struck by the neighborhoods we drove through.

In New Orleans, people aren't living in neatly sectioned developments named for all the trees that were cut down in order to build there. There are a bunch of houses covering a few blocks, and then a small business or two just down the street.

People work on their houses and get help from their neighbors, then complain that all the people who have recently moved into the area don't say hello when they walk past.

These neighborhoods have suffered because of the hurricane; many of their residents have permanently moved away and others are missing. It is asinine to ask the people who want to return and restore their home to instead start over elsewhere.

Modern American homes are too big for us to have any reason to get to know our neighbors. Why would we sit on our porches when we have multiple flat screen TVs inside? At my parents' house in St. Louis, we only have a relationship with one of the families living around us. Even here in Norwood, my neighbors and I have minimal contact, even though most of us are Xavier students.

Where could you ask the residents of New Orleans to go?

Where could they recreate this rare community atmosphere?

They shouldn't have to go anywhere. And with local organizations, such as Beacon of Hope, which was started by a husband and wife seeking to rebuild their Katrina-ravaged neighborhood, they don't have to.

Beacon of Hope provides resources for homeowners to rebuild through networking, donating and volunteering.

It has been so successful that one of Louisiana's state senators is taking their model to Congress in hopes that FEMA will adopt

Xavier students need to know

BY KATHRYN ROSENBAUM
Editor-in-Chief

Xavier University has a reputation as a strong academic school and most of the time it is rightfully earned. Xavier offers an extensive and diverse core curriculum which strives to educate students and challenge them to think about the world from different perspectives.

Lately, after multiple discussions in and out of class, I have been increasingly doubting Xavier students' claim to possess great knowledge. Sure, we may have good GPAs and are accepted into law and medical schools, but many Xavier students lack a fundamental aspect of knowledge: awareness of current events.

I can't understand how students who claim to be curious in class have no desire to expand their knowledge. Neither, it seems, do they care to learn about people and decisions that may directly affect their lives much more than a theory or equation ever will.

I realize I am a news junkie and read more newspapers than the average person. However, it is not necessary to check 10 or more news sites a day to know what is happening at Xavier, in Cincinnati, in the United States and around the world.

Such ignorance can easily be avoided by checking headlines online, picking up one of the (FREE) newspapers on campus or turning on broadcast news or the radio. Even social net-

it for disaster recovery.

Personally, I don't see why we need to wait for a disaster. Non-profits and community building centers in Cincinnati should adopt Beacon of Hope's

working sites like Facebook and Twitter contain news stories. With ample access to all these sources, unaware Xavier students are consciously lazy and ignorant.

I'm not an expert in any subject and obviously can't be well-informed on every issue. However, I do make conscious efforts to be aware of major events and news

As college students, we need to be able to name our senators and representatives, have a basic understanding of the stimulus package and know what is happening in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I don't care if someone has a 4.0 GPA, has had a paper published in an academic journal and can talk about biology or math for hours—I lose respect for students or anyone who is uninformed about current events.

Nothing is more important than being aware of the world in which we live.

Without this awareness, Xavier students are ignoring one of the most interesting aspects of college—applying and making connections between they learn in class to events happening in the world.

I have been pushed and encouraged at Xavier to expand my thinking outside of class. Without an understanding of the world, students may receive a Xavier degree, but this degree comes without a crucial component. Practical knowledge of current events will be necessary for the rest of our lives, and the time to start catching up is now.

model in order to help revitalize some of the city's rundown neighborhoods.

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This photo, taken in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, only reiterates the fact that residents need to rebuild so they can once again have the feeling of community so brutally swept away from them.

Xavier struggles out of gate

Volleyball preps to play host this weekend

BY SCOTT MUELLER
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The Xavier University volleyball team opened the 2009 season with a 1-2 record at the Middle Tennessee State Invitational this past weekend.

The tournament began on a good note. On Friday, the Musketeers opened the season against Murray State, jumping out to quick 3-1 lead.

However, that lead was soon erased as the Racers took the lead at 10-9. Murray State would not relinquish the lead for the remainder of the set.

Xavier would get within one at 18-17, however the Musketeers could never retake the lead, and dropped the first set 25-21.

The second set's result was no better than the first. Murray State opened the set with a 7-1 run to open, but Xavier did not go down easily.

The Musketeers used an 11-4 run to storm back and take a three point lead at 20-17.

However, Murray State showed why they are predicted to be first in their conference, coming back to win the second set 26-24.

Facing a straight set loss in the first match of the year, the Musketeers rebounded in the third set.

Although there were nine ties, Xavier would not gave up the lead and closed out the set on a 12-2 run, winning 25-14.

The fourth set featured four lead changes, with Xavier at one point held a dominating 21-15

lead before the Racers cut the lead to 23-22.

However, Xavier showed its closing power for the second straight set and finished off the set 25-23.

In the fifth and decisive set Xavier used a 6-2 run after trading points to open the frame to take a commanding lead in the set.

The Musketeers went on to win the set 15-12, and capture their first victory of the year, 3-2.

Senior Hillary Otte led the team with 16 kills, while freshman Alex Smith, making her collegiate debut, contributed 14 kills.

Senior Lauren Kaminsky and freshman Stephanie Vorherr each recorded 16 digs.

This year's Muskies will be looking for big contributions from the freshmen such as Vorherr, and recieved it in the first match with both both Smith and Vorherr playing in all five sets.

"There's going to be have to be freshmen that step up," said head coach Floyd Deaton.

The following day Xavier faced the task of playing both the Kansas and host Middle Tennessee State on the same day.

Xavier came out roaring in the first set against the Jayhawks, opening with an 11-3 run.

After that, the Musketeers never let the Jayhawks get closer than eight and won the opening set 25-16.

That would be the last set the Musketeers would win on the day.

In the second set, Kansas held the lead for most of the set.

However, Xavier fought back and tied the score at 17. Kansas responded by closing out the set on an 8-3 run.

In the third frame, with the score tied at seven, the Jayhawks used a 7-2 run to take control of the set and take the lead in the match.

The fourth set was back and forth through the first 30 points, with Xavier only down two at 16-14. However, Kansas finished out the match on a 9-2 run to claim the victory.

Once again, Otte led the Musketeers with 16 kills.

In the nightcap against Middle Tennessee State each set followed the same pattern: in every set Middle Tennessee State took the early lead, never by more than two.

Xavier would respond each time by reclaiming the lead, but quickly burn out and be surpassed by the Blue Raiders.

In the first set, the Musketeers never trailed by more than five, losing 25-22.

In the second, they never trailed by more than four, but dropped the set 25-21.

In the third and final set, Xavier again never trailed by more than five, yet once again lost 25-21.

The Musketeers knew the competition was going to be rough heading in to the tournament.

"Middle Tennessee State and Murray State are both predicted to win their conferences," Deaton said. "So there are two conference powerhouses, right there."

This coming weekend, the Musketeers will welcome further stout competition as Notre Dame, Tennessee and Michigan State head to Cintas Center for the Xavier Invitational. Games will be played Friday, Sept. 4 through Sunday, Sept. 6.

"It's a loaded tournament," said Deaton. "When you have an opportunity to play a tournament like that, you take advantage of it, and you find out where you're at and where you need to go."

Xavier's opening match will be against Notre Dame at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Walking wounded

for Xavier women



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Senior Brittany Green was among the injured Musketeers, as she left the game against James Madison with a quad injury.

BY JOCELYN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

The Xavier women's soccer team is beginning to resemble an H1N1 quarantine ward.

Injuries once again plagued the women's soccer team causing losses at both games in the Comfort Inn Tournament over the weekend.

Senior leading scorer Brittany Green went down with a quad injury in Saturday's game against James Madison University.

"We're pretty banged up right now," head coach Alvin Alexander said.

The team kept pace with James Madison throughout the first period until Corky Julien, a member of the Canadian national team, scored in the final seconds of the first.

The team then fell apart in the second period, letting James Madison score three more goals, and losing to the Bulldogs 5-1.

"The score does not tell the story of the whole game," Alexander said. "We played well in the first period, but didn't bring that same intensity in the second."

On Sunday, the Musketeers faced the Towson Tigers. They did not let their previous loss affect their play and forced the game into double overtime before losing 2-1.

Without the services of junior Aliya Schull or freshman Alayna Washington, the Musketeers tied

the game with a goal by Green with an assist from junior Carly Wenzel.

During the final minutes of the second overtime, Green had a one-on-one scoring opportunity with Towson's goalkeeper, Jocelyn Papciak. Green took the shot, but Papciak was up to the task and made the save.

Towson then took the ball down the field and Phyllicia Rosselli scored the goal that ended the game.

A lack of depth was an issue once again for the Musketeers.

"We have 19 players right now and four of them are goalkeepers," Alexander said. "The injuries that we have are really hurting us."

Green was able to play through the pain, but many players on the team are suffering from various injuries.

"It's difficult playing with those kind of injuries (quad injuries)," said Alexander. "You're not able to explode the way you want to."

However, Alexander remains positive that the team will resume winning soon.

"The chemistry with this team is good on and off the field. It's difficult to win because the injuries are holding us back, but I think in the next few games we will start to win," he said.

The next opportunity to enter the win column will come at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, as the Musketeers host the University of Pittsburgh.



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Senior Hillary Otte (No. 4) led Xavier in kills in each of the team's first three matches.

Men's soccer suffers

BY KEN BURTON
Staff Writer

The Xavier men's soccer team rounded out preseason play with a 2-1 loss to the Michigan Wolverines on Wednesday, Aug. 26.

Michigan outshot the Musketeers 15-5, while also accumulating an 8-2 advantage in corner kicks.

Sophomore Anthony D'Amico scored a late 77th minute goal, with an assist from junior Ryan Gray, to cut the deficit in half.

However, Xavier came up empty in the closing minutes, losing 2-1 to the Wolverines in Ann Arbor.

Over the next week, the severity of the novel H1N1 flu outbreak on Xavier's campus began

to threaten activities across campus, particularly sporting events involving constant contact between competitors.

The team would soon officially hear that the the sting of the flu outbreak would be combined with the sour taste left from the Michigan loss as the university announced the cancellation of the team's Sept. 1 home game against Radford, the first athletic cancellation by the university as a result of H1N1.

The game, which was slated for 4 p.m., was canceled a few hours before kick-off amid a university-wide movement to call off all extracurricular activities.

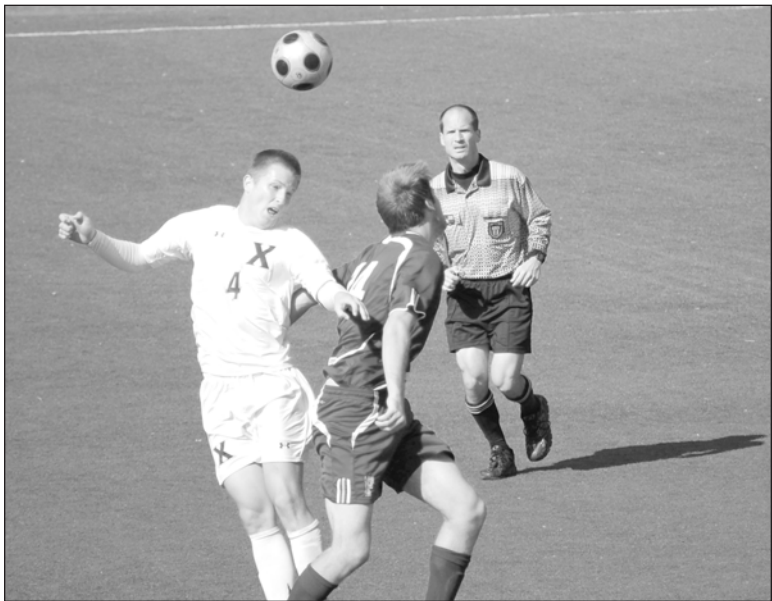
The reason given by the Xavier Athletic Department was in accordance with the recommen-

dation of the Cincinnati Health Department.

There are currently no plans to reschedule the match with Radford.

The Athletic Department is remaining cautious about exposing athletes from both Xavier and competing universities to H1N1, according to Xavier Associate Athletic Director and Sports Information Director Tom Eiser, leaving the team's impending Sunday, Sept. 6 match at Butler in jeopardy.

Whether the team opens their season against the Bulldogs on Sunday, or on Friday, Sept. 11 against Evansville in the Bradley Invitational, the Musketeer's goal remains the same: start the season on the right foot.



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Junior Ryan Gray fights for a head ball. Gray assisted sophomore Anthony D'Amico on Xavier's only goal against Michigan.

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Don't stop believin' in 'Glee'

By AMY WINDHORST
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For those anticipating fall television's next big hit, look no further than Fox's "Glee," the new musical dramedy whose lack of big-name stars is compensated with big heart and even bigger sound.

Starting Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 9 p.m., Fox will kick-start the show's first season, beginning with a director's cut of the already-aired pilot episode (you can catch it online now at Fox.com or Hulu). For everyone who was able to indulge in the premiere back in May, a new episode will show at the same time a week later on Sept. 9.

Exactly how do you explain "Glee," the new show from "Nip/Tuck" creator Ryan Murphy? The show ranges from ridiculous, to serious, to full-out show-tune singing—all in mere minutes. Perhaps show star Cory Monteith (who plays jock-with-a-voice-of-gold, Finn Hudson) describes it best: "It's like 'High School Musical' got punched in the stomach and had its lunch money stolen." Indeed, those expecting a Disney channel transplant will be sorely disappointed. "Glee" daringly walks the



The cast of "Glee" performing "Don't Stop Believin'" in the pilot episode.

Photo courtesy of Fox.com

line between Broadway mock-up, cornball humor and straight-up adult drama—this results in something wholly original, and it works very well.

The first episode introduces viewers to both faculty and students at William McKinley High School in Lima, Ohio. There, we meet the school's dysfunctional show choir, or "Glee Club," which has recently been adopted by Spanish teacher and former glee member Will Schuester (Matthew Morrison).

Much of the pilot follows Schuester as he attempts to balance the recruitment of a new glee team with his troubled home life.

While the pilot's plot is predictable, light-hearted and shamelessly fun, the main story is sporadically broken up by "Scrubs"-like inner monologues and flashbacks that are, dare we say, profound. While the main draw to the show is its zany, biting sense of humor, expect a sizeable dose of drama, conflict and romantic angst to fill

each episode.

The cast is made up of relative unknowns. Led by Morrison, Lea Michele (Glee geek Rachel Berry) and Monteith, the core cast is brimming with fresh talent. Also worth mentioning is Jane Lynch's turn as despicable cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester, whose venom adds an undeniable flavor to the first episode. Viewers can expect the supporting cast to develop bigger roles as the season continues—not to mention the arrival of a few high-profile guest

stars along the way.

And let's not forget the singing. It would take a heartless person not to smile during the pilot episode's epic rendition of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'." Viewers can look forward to more hits—both of the Broadway and pop/rock nature—to be featured, such as Queen's "Somebody to Love," Carrie Underwood's "Last Name" and an outrageous performance of Salt-N-Pepa's "Push It." There will be nearly sixty songs used this season, and many of the "Glee" renditions will be found on sale at iTunes.

It's a safe bet to mark "Glee" as the breakout show of 2009. The show has been amassing critical buzz for months thanks to Fox's early debut of the pilot episode in May (strategically aired after an episode of "American Idol"). The network is putting faith in this show, and for good reason. It seems Fox has finally landed on the pulse of something that fans of both "Dancing with the Stars" and "Arrested Development" will be able to appreciate. Think you can resist the glee? Tune in Wednesdays at 9 p.m. on Fox this fall to find out.

Check out these local live music venues

By RALPH FRITZ
Staff Writer

The summer concert season may be coming to a close, but there are still plenty of opportunities for you and your friends to enjoy some live musical performances.

The *NewsWire* reader seeking live entertainment outside the confines of Cincinnati's more commercialized and costly concert venues will be pleased to know that there are some alternatives in the area.

Many of Cincinnati's small bars, clubs and coffeehouses coordinate with local and national acts alike to provide the sound that you are dying to hear at the price you would kill to pay.

These are just some of the venues located within 10 minutes of the Xavier campus.

The Mad Frog (1 E. McMillan St)

On the corner of Vine and McMillan there is a bar that features a myriad of local musical acts spanning the genres of rock, jazz, reggae and hip-hop. The venue also hosts weekly events such as open mic nights and salsa dancing lessons, some of which are free to college students with an ID.

One of Xavier's talented musicians and front man of his own band, Steve Boller, has played at the Mad Frog in the past.

"The Mad Frog is a good option for Xavier students looking for something to do off-campus," said Boller. "We definitely plan to include it in our fall 2009 show lineup."

TAZA (2900 Jefferson Ave.)

This coffeehouse focuses on the principles of coffee, commu-

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nity and creativity.

Its proximity to the University of Cincinnati makes it an ideal hangout for the college-age crowd.

The small size of the building and its warm décor provide a comfortable atmosphere for gathering and place the members of the audience practically on the stage with the performer.

TAZA is the home of Acoustic Tuesdays and performances by local musicians on a full stage with a great sound system.

The proceeds that TAZA generates are used to support not only the local arts and artists, but also efforts to improve the neighboring community.

Rohs Street Café (245 W McMillan St)

Rohs Street Café is yet another nonprofit coffeehouse in the Clifton area that prides itself on its fresh and organic fair-trade coffee and hosting local talent. It



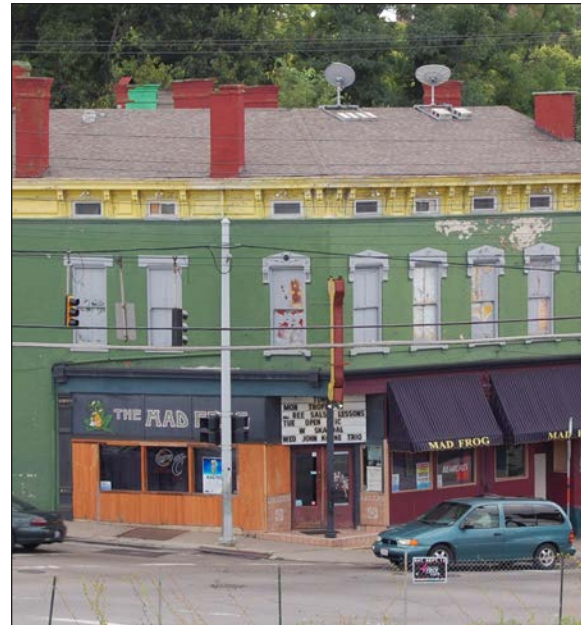
TAZA and The Mad Frog are two great music venues located just minutes from Xavier's campus.

is also in the perfect position for you to grab a bite to eat, have a drink or get a tattoo at any of the other reputable Clifton haunts before or after the show.

Rohs does indeed cater to a diversity of musical tastes, but

it is widely known for being one of the best spots for jazz in the Cincinnati area.

Although they are not as popular as Riverbend or Bogart's, these venues have an allure of their own that encourages the arts to flour-



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ish in Cincinnati. Whether you are an artist looking to book a gig or someone seeking live entertainment and even livelier company, there is a place around here for you.

Professor premieres totem sculptures

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plates, were the main attraction of the highest attended show the Funke gallery has ever held.

Karagheusian gave a lecture on her work and showed a video on how it was made.

Approximately 70 people attended Karagheusian's speech, while others walked through her totems in the adjacent room where "A Conversation" was on display. Many others also attended the event, coming and going at their leisure.

"I appreciated Marsha's opening because it was so beautiful to see people conversing amongst

all her pieces. I truly saw how her pieces were like figures in conversation.

"I also realized how much of an impact it makes when the viewer is able to interact with the art like in her installation. I learned a lot from her gallery talk, too. I couldn't believe how much time and effort went into each piece," said senior art major, Ellen Schroeder.

Karagheusian's totems consisted of over two tons of clay and two tons of gravel (on the ground). It took two years to complete.

The pieces were made by first rolling out slabs of clay and then

texturing the clay with everything from man-made objects to coral and fish skeletons before fitting the clay on rods and firing the pieces in a kiln.

"Marsha has created a beautiful space inhabited by 26 stately totemic figures that remind the viewer of a world both ancient and contemporary.

"A long history of growth and transformation is hinted at by the imprints of bones, shells and plant matter fossilized in the clay suggesting a life born of distant prehistoric seas," said Suzanne Chouteau, Xavier University Department of Art chair.

"The variety of coloration

from aqua greens and blues to coppery and golden iridescents makes the forms come alive, creating a shimmering here and now presence through which the viewer journeys," said Chouteau.

Karagheusian teaches ceramics and art education at Xavier University and was formerly the Art Department chair for 10 years.

"A Conversation" will be on display at the Funke gallery until Friday, Oct. 2.

The video on how the work was made will be up on the ceramics concentration link of the Xavier Art Department's website soon.